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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

KIM ET AL.

Examiner

Tom Y Lu

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 4-6 and 13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 13 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 4-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The amendment and written response filed on March 30, 2004 has been entered.
2. Claims 2-3 and 7-12 are cancelled.
3. Claim 13 is added.
4. Claims 1 and 4 are amended.
5. Claims 1, 4-6 and 13 are pending.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments, see Remarks, page 6-8, filed on March 30, 2004, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1 under 35 USC 102 (e) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Sathe et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,909,249) and Hanko et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,493,041 B1).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 1, 4-5 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sathe et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,909,249) in view of Hanko et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,493,041 B1).

- a. Referring to Claim 1, Sathe discloses a color normalizer for normalizing color components of each color frame image to produce a normalized color frame image (Sathe: column 7, line 21-22); a color transformer coupled to the color

normalizer for color transforming the normalized color frame image to a first color transformed frame image, said first color transformed frame image having intensity levels such that pixels corresponding to said moving object are emphasized (Sathe: column 7, line 47-48, the transfer function is the claimed "color transformer", Y_{out} is the transformed frame image. In addition, Sathe at column 7, line 65-66 and column 8, lines 1-4, teaches the luminance signal Y is amplified, and the presence of high-frequency, low amplitude transformed components is reduced, which means the background intensity is reduced, as a result, the moving object is emphasized) a frame delay coupled to the color transformer for delaying the first color transformed frame image by one frame, said delayed first color transformed frame image being a second color transformed frame image (Sathe at column 7, line 30, teaches luminance signal Y is inputted to video encoder as shown in figure 1, which contains a frame delay 100); and a motion detector coupled to the color transformer and the frame delay for detecting the motion of the moving object (the combination of motion compensator 120 and motion estimator 110). However, Sathe does not explicitly teach further intensifying the intensity levels of said first color transformed frame image based on the detected motion. Hanko at column 7, lines 51-52, teaches intensifying the intensity levels of said first color transformed frame image by specifying the regions that should be more or less sensitive to changes in pixel values, and comparing change difference with threshold weights. At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to intensify the intensity levels of transformed frame image because

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Hanko at column 7, lines 60-65, teaches the sensitivity of an area that contains a continuously moving object can be attenuated.

- b. Referring to Claim 4, Hanko discloses wherein said motion detector comprises means for detecting the motion of each pixel by counting pixels adjacent said each pixel whose intensity level difference between said first and second color transformed frame images are larger than a threshold value (column 7, line 55); and said intensity level of each pixel is further intensified by weighting said intensity level in accordance with said detected motion of said each pixel (column 7, line 57).
- c. Referring to Claim 5, Hanko discloses wherein said weighting is performed by fuzzy-AND operating said intensity level with said detected motion for said each pixel (Hanko at column 7, lines 56-57, teaches the weighting defines the degree of change required before a given pixel is deemed to have changed, which must be done through use of fuzzy-AND operation).
- d. Referring to Claim 6, Hanko teaches the threshold weights are defined by the degree of changed before a given pixel is deemed to have changed. A given pixel is the claimed Z, and the degree of change is the claimed Q.

Allowable Subject Matter

8. Claim 13 is allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Claim 13 defines a feature of the intensity level of said each pixel of the first color transformed frame image and the normalized color components of the pixel have a relationship as follows: $Z(x, y) = GF(r(x, y), (g(x, y)))$ wherein (x, y) is a coordinate of said pixel in the normalized frame image, r (x, y) and g (x, y) are normalized color components of the pixel at the

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coordinate (x, y), and $GF()$ is a 2-dimensional Gaussian distribution function. This feature in Claims 3 and 9, which are the broadest allowable claims, is not taught or suggested by the art of record.

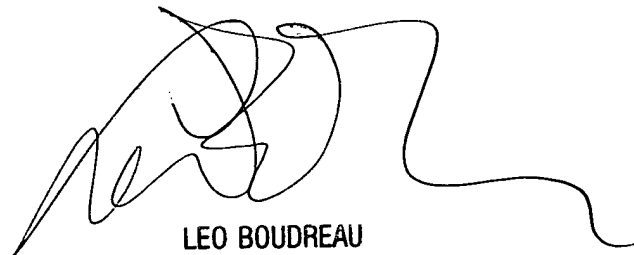
Conclusion

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tom Y Lu whose telephone number is (703) 306-4057. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM-5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Leo H Boudreau can be reached on (703) 305-4706. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Tom Y. Lu

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'LEO BOUDREAU', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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